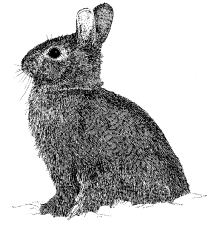
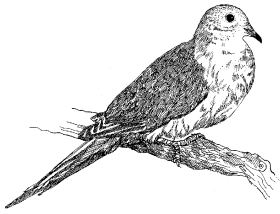


PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2011-2012 UPLAND GAME & WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING INFORMATION



GENERAL PROVISIONS: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource. Hunting at Prime Hook NWR is through the issuance of a permit. This permit can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the refuge manager or their representative.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits are available to disabled and able-bodied hunters by self-service at the check station no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time on the day of the hunt. Hunters may not be on refuge any earlier than 3 hours before shooting time. The official time is indicated on the clock in the check station. Permits must be returned to the check station no later than ½ hour after shooting time. The questionnaire portion on the permit must be filled out after the hunt. The information that you provide from your hunt is essential in evaluating the upland game species and webless migratory birds on the Refuge. The permit must be retained on your person at all times while hunting. Permits are non-transferable.

There is a daily fee of \$2 per hunter. Fees are waived for hunters aged 15 years and under. Senior citizens (age 62 and older) receive a 50% discount with an Interagency Senior Pass. Citizens who have been medically determined to be permanently disabled are also entitled to a 50% discount with an Interagency Access Pass; proof of medically determined permanent disability is required to receive benefits under federal law. The Interagency Senior Pass can be purchased in person for \$10 and the Interagency Access Pass is free of charge at the Refuge Headquarters during office hours.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Public hunting of resident upland small game (pheasant, quail, rabbit) and webless migratory birds (dove, snipe and woodcock) is allowed during designated times and on designated areas of Prime Hook NWR. All Federal and State hunting regulations apply. A valid State of Delaware hunting license, unless exempt from Delaware hunting license requirements, and a refuge permit are required to hunt on the refuge. Hunters, when requested by Federal or State enforcement officers, must display for inspection, all game, hunting equipment and ammunition. Failure to follow regulations may result in loss of hunting privileges and/or a fine.
- **HUNTING AREAS:** Prime Hook North Area, Prime Hook South Area, Fowlers North Area, and Zones I-IV of the Slaughter Canal Tract will be open to hunting. Hunt areas may be closed without prior warning. See map on reverse side.
- **SEASON:** In accordance with the State of Delaware hunting seasons; however, hunting is closed during all firearms hunting seasons for deer (except open on designated dates during the October antlerless season and the handgun season). Upland game hunting will close for the 2011-2012 season at the end of the day on Friday, January 13, 2012.
- **SHOOTING TIME:** Hunting is permitted ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. These hours may be further restricted depending on the species you are hunting. Check current regulations. Dove hunting closes at sunset.
- **BOATS:** Boats may be used to reach hunting areas and are limited to designated sites. Federal and State boating regulations apply. The maximum permitted boat motor is 30 horsepower.
- **YOUTH REQUIREMENT:** A permitted juvenile aged 17 and under must be accompanied by a hunting or non-hunting adult who is 18 years or older. It is strongly recommended that the accompanying adult be licensed to hunt in the State of Delaware.
- Disabled hunters are advised to have a non-hunting individual assist them.
- Hunting of squirrels is prohibited on the Refuge.
- **NON-TOXIC SHOT is required.** Hunters may not use or possess lead shot shells in the field.
- The use of handguns for upland game and webless migratory bird hunting is prohibited.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- **DO NOT LITTER.** Prime Hook NWR is a carry-in, carry-out refuge. This includes shotgun shells, cigarette butts, and all trash.
- Practice or target shooting is not permitted.
- Do not shoot toward the refuge boundary or into private property.
- All hunters must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded game.
- Waterfowl may only be taken on the Waterfowl Hunting Area. The taking or possession of waterfowl in the above areas or any wildlife other than the permitted species is prohibited.

For further information, contact the Refuge Manager, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 11978 Turtle Pond Road, Milton, DE 19968. Tel. (302) 684-8419. <http://primehook.fws.gov> Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30am to 4:00pm.

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